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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Proposal that Legal Counsel of Senate
Internal Security Sub-Committee
Subpoena Letter from The Nation

1. The Nation devoted its issue of 24 June 1961 to an attack upon CIA. The article was written by Fred J. COOK.

2. The following quotations, scattered throughout COOK's article, have been reassembled.

"As an American intelligence officer, I feel duty bound to state my apprehensions as to the future of my country.

"The following circumstances are cause for deep concern:

"1. United States foreign policy is not formulated on the basis of an objective analysis of facts, particularly those made available by Intelligence Service, but is being determined by John Foster Dulles' personal rash conceptions.

"2. The fact that Allen Dulles is in charge of collection and evaluation of all information makes it possible for the Secretary of State to distort the information received as he sees fit. Facts thus presented disorientate not only the President and Congress but also the people of the United States. (Italics COOK's)

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"3. As a consequence, our foreign policy is not based on the real interests of the United States. It has suffered one defeat after another and may eventually draw us into a nuclear war."

"I know that...Intelligence Service received information through various channels about the planned action. This information was duly transmitted to the State Department. Mr. John Foster* Dulles knew the day and hour of the attack. Under these circumstances it was quite obvious that we should have dissuaded our allies from such a rash step.... Those in the know were surprised by the behavior of our Secretary of State at the time. Mr. Dulles' reply to a comment from a State Department official was that in our position, the best thing to do is to shut our eyes and see nothing. We shall win in any case. Both the defeat of the Arabs as well as the loss of prestige of the West in Arab countries has suffered untold harm by the attack on Egypt. The case speaks for itself."

"Our Intelligence Service in West Germany collected much reliable intelligence which should have led the State Department to reconsider its point of view on Dr. Adenauer's policy. Americans serving in Fontainebleau and in West Germany are very much aware that the Germans under the guise of 'friendship' are only intent on recovering their military might by using the United States as a springboard. Contacts with German military and other officials have convinced me that the Germans hate and despise Americans. They cannot forget that the United States was their enemy in the Second World War. Adenauer's assertion of friendship serves as a smoke screen which enables West Germany to mark time. Eventually Germany will spurn American tutelage and proceed with her own ambitious plans. These plans, i.e., annexation of East Germany, restoration of eastern borders, etc. can be achieved only by a world war. The United States may find that instead of using Germany for its own purposes it would be bound to a German policy...."

* Insertion by Nation's editors.

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"The Germans are indeed playing the game their own way, nurturing plans for the future. This is corroborated by the fact that Gehlen's Intelligence Service in West Germany frequently conceals important intelligence and deliberately issues misleading information, regardless of our agreement for exchange of information. Nevertheless, during this postwar period, Gehlen has been considered a most loyal ally and his service has been financed with American dollars.

"Communist propaganda refers to Adenauer's West Germany as a puppet of the United States. We prefer to regard her as our most 'reliable' ally. Our friendship with her may have disastrous consequences for the United States.

"Under these circumstances, our preference of [sic] West Germany over our old and tried allies is unpardonable. British and French officers have often expressed themselves in my presence with an obvious feeling of resentment and bitterness over the United States policy of making yesterday's enemies today's principal partners."

3. COOK and The Nation allege that the above excerpts appear in an anonymous letter received by The Nation on 6 December 1957 and held until used by COOK.

4. Like the remainder of COOK's article, the "letter" serves Soviet rather than American purposes and repeats familiar theses of Communist propaganda.

5. There are some indications that the letter, if it exists, may be a forgery. The Soviets have frequently resorted to such letters in the course of a propaganda campaign. Grammatically and stylistically the excerpts quoted resemble Soviet propaganda prepared in English more closely than a genuine communication from a professional U.S. intelligence officer.

6. Obtaining the letter from The Nation is necessary to the national security. If - as is unlikely - analysis indicates that the letter was written by a disloyal American, the letter is likely to provide clues to his identity. If analysis shows, on the other hand, that the letter is a Soviet forgery or if The Nation is forced to admit that no such letter exists, we shall

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